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ECONOMIC ISSUES TO DOMINATE GERAKAN ASSEMBLY

KUALA LUMPUR, June 25 (Bernama) -- Efforts to stimulate the country's battered economy are expected to take centre stage at the three-day Gerakan General Assembly which kicks off tomorrow, its president Datuk Seri Dr Lim Keng Yaik said today.

He said issues on the economic downturn would feature prominently in all the speeches and debates by delegates at the Youth and Wanita assemblies which begins tomorrow followed by the General Assembly proper over the weekend.

The Youth and Wanita assemblies are also expected to table and debate several motions on education, he told reporters at the party headquarters, here.

The party would urge the government to arrange bank loans for students studying abroad as many of them could not continue their studies due to the economic slowdown, said Dr Lim, who is Primary Industries Minister.

Asked whether the youth and wanita assemblies would discuss nepotism and cronyism issues, he said they might deliberate on the issues which are a subject of public discussion among the people.

Dr Lim advised party members taking part in the debate to raise relevant issues pertaining to the economic problems and politics.

" We want the debates to proceed smoothly with nobody pointing an accusing finger against anyone in tackling certain issues," he said.

About 1,800 delegates would attend the General Assembly which will be opened by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad on Saturday.

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